(d) and (e) Reserve Bank of India has reported that the present guidelines issued to the banks in this regard are considered adequate and no fresh guidelines are considered necessary.

Donations to Institutions connected with late Smt. Indira Gandhi and Shri Rajiv Gandhi

1496. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds have been donated by the A.S.U./Financial Institution under the Ministry to any Foundation or Institution connected with late Smt. Indira Gandhi and Shri Rajiv Gandhi during the past four years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of donations made to any other body/voluntary institutions during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Donations made to other bodies/ voluntary institutions is indicated below:—

1991-92:	Air India Indian Airlines	Rs. 1 lakh for Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Rs. 25,000 to Spastic Society of India Rs. 5,000 to Air Corporations SC & ST Association
	Airports Authority of India	Rs. 1 lakh to Institute of Transport Development.
1992-93:	Airports Authority of India	Rs. 5,000 to M/s. Mobile Creches
1993-94:	Pawan Hans Ltd.	Rs. 15,000 to Aeronautical Society of India.
	Air India Airports Authority of India	Rs. 60.25 lakhs to Prime Minister's relief fund Rs. 5 lakhs to Aeronautical Society of India. Rs. 29 lakhs to Prime Minister's Relief Fund.
1994-95:	Pawan Hans Ltd. Air India	Rs. 1,400 to "Child Relief and You" Rs. 50,000 to Aeronautical Society of India Rs. 1 lakh to Centre for Assistance & Relief in emergencies. Rs. 3 lakhs to Air India 25 years club.

Rate of interest on G.P. Fund

1497. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of University of Delhi are being paid interest at a rate of 14 per cent per annum on their G.P. Funds while Central Government Employees are being paid interest at a rate of 12 per cent per annum; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government propose to enhance the rate of interest for their employees; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have discontinued the practice of paying 1/2 per cent incentive bonus to those employees, who have not withdrawn any amount from their G.P. Funds during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government propose to revive this practice; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) The rates of interest payable to Central Government employees and the employees of the University of Delhi differ and vary from time to time. The present rate of interest in respect of Central Government employees G.P. Funds is 12% per annum. The rate of interest on the G.P. Fund payable to the employees of the University of

Delhi, an autonomous statutory organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, is fixed by the Executive Council of the University on the basis of income generated through investment of G.P. Funds accumulations and was 14 per cent per annum during the financial year 1994-95.

(b) The rate of interest being paid on G.P. Funds at present is considered quite reasonable in view of the following considerations:—

(i) the entire amount of interest credited to a subscriber's account in G.P. Fund is exempted from income-tax;

(ii) 20% of G.P. Funds subscriptions is allowed as rebate from the income- tax payable by the Government servants;

(iii) Advances and non-refundable withdrawals are permissible from G.P. Funds for specified purposes without any interest;

(iv) A free insurance cover upto a maximum of Rs. 30,000 and equal to the average balance in the account of the deceased over three years immediately preceding the death of the subscriber, whichever is lower, is allowed in G.P. Fund.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to revive this practice. When the bonus incentive was notified during 1975, the rate of interest on G.P. Funds was much less. After the enhancement of the interest rate to a uniform rate of 12 per cent with effect from 1.4.1986, the practice of paying 1/2 per cent bonus incentive to those employees who have not withdrawn any amount from their G.P. Funds was discontinued.

Request for Additional Allocation of Funds

1498. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have sought additional allocation of funds;

(b) whether Orissa is one of those States who has sought additional allocation under different projects in 8th plan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to consider the request of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the 8th Plan period the Government of Orissa sought request for additional allocation of assistance under different projects in 8th Plan period. However, the State Government has not been sanctioned additional Central assistance so far. During 1995-96 the State of Orissa has requested for an assistance of Rs. 5 crores for National Institute of Social Work and Social Services, Bhubaneshwar, which is under consideration in the Planning Commission.

Measures for Successful Negotiation by SEBs on power projects

1499. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the action taken to devised standardised power purchase agreements, fuel supply agreements transportation agreements and environmental guidelines to help state electricity boards to negotiate successfully on power projects involving competitive bidding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): Ministry of Power has circulated to all states guidelines on power purchase agreements (PPA). Typical Power Purchase Agreements have also been made available to the state functionaries through various training courses/ seminars/workshops. Model PPAs for both thermal as well as hydro plants have been developed with the help of international consultants and would be shortly finalised and made available to the states. Similarly, the Ministry of Coal together with Ministry of Railways is working on development of a legally enforceable fuel supply and transportation agreement. Regarding environmental aspects, the Ministry of Environment and Forests have laid down detailed norms that the projects are required to satisfy. The detailed guidelines on competitive bidding issued in January, 1995 also cover the overall aspects that need to be taken care of for projects to be put up through